

# Al Beruni Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion

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## Two Day National Seminar On

### Breaking the Silence: Addressing Gender Based Violence in India

(February 5-6, 2025)

Gender-based violence (GBV) is any form of violence against an individual based on that person's biological sex, gender identity or expression, or perceived adherence to socially defined expectations of what it means to be a man or woman, boy or girl. It is a pervasive and systemic human rights violation which disproportionately affects women and girls. GBV includes physical, sexual and psychological abuse, threats, coercion, arbitrary deprivation of liberty, and economic deprivation whether occurring in public or private spheres. Examples of GBV include but not limited to, intimate partner violence; early and forced marriage; early consummation of marriage; "honor" killings; economic deprivation; female infanticide; child sexual abuse and exploitation; trafficking in persons; sexual coercion, harassment, and abuse; neglect; violence against widows, violence against people identifying themselves as LGBTQI+, elder abuse, arbitrary deprivation of liberty and economic deprivation, whether in public or private life. In addition, GBV is rooted in unjust and unequal power relations, structures and rigid social and cultural norms.

This normalization of GBV can mean that people don't recognize that violence is wrong and harmful and prevent them from accessing post-GBV care. Unequal gender roles and social norms may also be enforced through the use of violence. For example, women and LGBTQI+ people who do not conform to traditional gender roles often face GBV.

Gender parity is not only a fundamental human right but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. It is important to observe that sex is a biological manifestation of an individual, while gender is a social tag that is based on certain pre-defined norms. The Constitution of India enshrines principles of equality before law and that all should be given equal opportunities, but fighting the odds of discrimination and prejudices is still a long way. Moreover, Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals 2015 envisages gender equality by the year 2030 and to achieve the same, the persistent obstacles must be fought with unwavering commitment. To achieve an overall development, the marginalized genders must engage socially, economically and politically on a larger level and that is the most effective manner through which they can carve out an equal space for themselves on the stage.

In this backdrop, the Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, MANUU, Hyderabad, is organizing a Two-Day National Seminar on “Breaking the Silence: Addressing Gender Based Violence in India” during February 5-6, 2025.

### **Objectives of the Seminar**

The main objective of the National Seminar is to initiate a discussion on the need to go beyond the stereotypical images of women and the LGBTQ community in particular in negative trend and analyze the ground realities of their situation in the country from the perspective of social exclusion. This **TWO-DAY National Seminar** is aimed at encouraging scholars to come up with small studies and findings from different cities and towns across India.

The seminar provides a platform to the scholars, researchers, policy makers and the academia to express their views on the status of women and the LGBTQ (particularly transgender people) and the problems confronted by them, based on their research and experiences in the contemporary society. The theme of the seminar will be discussed and debated for two days and methods and ideas will be evolved for a policy solution for the inclusion of this important but largely neglected section of Indian society. It should also be observed that gender based exclusion would also have huge implications for the development and growth of Indian economy that the Government is talking about. Further, this seminar would provide a space to deliberate and discuss gender-based discrimination and violence which would try to bring out suitable measures for positive outcome in the society.

## **Themes of the Seminar**

### **Rethinking Sex and Gender**

- Issues of identity and ideals of justice
- Forms and Manifestations of GBV in India (domestic violence, sexual harassment, acid attacks, etc.)
- Social impact of the depiction of gender and sexuality in popular culture
- Women's Emancipation and Indian Judiciary
- Intersectionality and GBV (impact on marginalized communities, LGBTQ+ individuals etc.)

### **Transgender and Legal Systems**

- LGBTQ, Marital Rights and Legal Inclusion
- LGBTQ rights and sexual diversity
- Sex and Gender under Penal Laws
- Stereotyping, Behavioral Norms and Trans-Inclusive Governance
- Legal and policy framework: strengths, weaknesses and gaps

### **Gender and Technology (ITES)**

- Gender and Access to Technology
- Gender Sensitive Issues and Media
- Gender-based Cyber-Violence and Misogynistic Online-Movements
- Benevolent sexism and gender sensitization
- Working Women/ Night Shift in IT Enabled Services (ITES)

### **Gender and Development**

- Gender equality, Food Security and Sustainable Development
- Effect of International Trade on Gender Inclusion
- Gender Development and Economic Progress
- Combating Gender Stereotypes and Sexism in and through Education
- Role of Patriarchy and gender stereotype in perpetuating GBV

**Call for Papers:** The Centre is inviting for papers that present case studies or comparative studies of different states in the country or papers that examine the experiences of gender based violence, particularly of women and transgender, with regard to the issues given in the theme of the Seminar. Ideally, it will also contribute to theoretical and empirical evidence from different states across the country to sustain sound social policy.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**Abstract:** The abstract should not exceed **300 – 350 words** and must reach the organizer on or before **December 25, 2024**, to the email: **cssiseminar2025@gmail.com**

accompanied by a cover page stating the following:

- Theme and Sub-theme
- Title of the paper
- Name of the Author(s)
- E-mail address
- Postal address and Contact Number

Only the selected abstracts will be permitted for presentation.

- **Full Paper Submission:** The following guidelines should be followed:
- The word limit of the paper shall be 3000-4000 words
- The font style of the paper should be Times New Roman with font size being 12 for the main text and 10 for the notes. The line spacing for the main text and endnotes should be 1.5 and 1 respectively.
- One 1” should be maintained on all four sides of the pages.
- Reference Style: APA 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.
- The File Name should be in the format given. Example- Name of Author + Title of paper.
- The abstract and full paper has to be submitted in .doc/.pdf format.

The full paper must be sent to the email (**cssiseminar2025@gmail.com**) with the subject as “SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER” on or before **January 25, 2025**.

### **Seminar Director / Convener**

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**Date of the Seminar: February 5-6, 2025 (Wednesday-Thursday)**

**Venue: MANUU Campus, Hyderabad**